

49. The method of claim 47 further comprising selectively disengaging the refurbishing element from the pad.

50. The method of claim 49 wherein the refurbishing element is selectively disengaged from relatively unused portions of the polishing pad not having accumulations of waste matter.

51. The method of claim 47 wherein the selectively engaging comprises lowering the wafer carrier until the refurbishing element and a wafer abut the polishing pad.

52. The method of claim 47 wherein the refurbishing element is selectively engaged with deteriorated portions of the polishing pad with accumulations of waste matter.

53. The method of claim 47 wherein the refurbishing element is selectively engaged and disengaged from the polishing pad as a function of the use of portions of the pad.

REMARKS

Consideration of this reissue application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested. Applicant is requesting reissue on the basis that the '196 patent is, through error without any deceptive intention, deemed wholly or partially inoperative by reason of the patentee claiming less than he had a right to claim in the '196 patent, as will be set forth in more detail in a reissue declaration to be submitted in the present application. For example, claim 1 of the '196 patent recites the limitation "wherein the body is movably attached to the wafer carrier" and the body need not be so movably attached. Moreover, applicant has a right to claims of varying scopes to provide a hedge against any of the issued claims being found invalid and to cover a broader range of infringing devices. The assignee

offers to surrender the '196 patent once the Examiner has indicated the allowability of all claims associated with this reissue application. The assignee is requesting a reissue of the '196 patent for the invention as disclosed in the '196 patent and claimed in issued claims 1-30 and new claims 31-53.

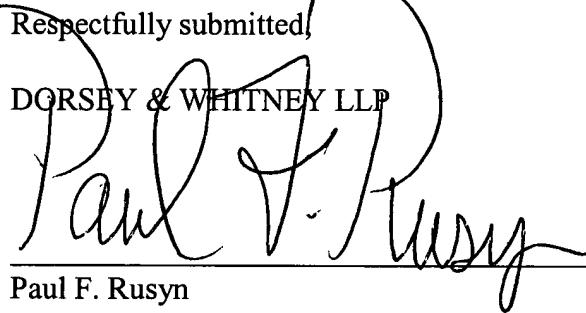
No new matter has been introduced into this application for reissue.

Applicant believes claims 1-53 are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests such action.

If there are any matters that can be handled in a telephone conversation, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Mr. Rusyn at (206) 903-8823.

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